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UN Biodiversity Meetings: October, Panama City

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The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) invites media representatives to apply for accreditation to two pivotal global meetings taking place in Panama City this October:

SBSTTA-27: [Twenty-seventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice](#), 20–24 October 2025.

SB8J-1: [First meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Article 8\(j\) and Other Provisions of the Convention on Biological Diversity Related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities](#) 27–30 October 2025.

Why it matters:

These meetings are being convened to support the efforts of the Parties to the Convention to expedite their implementation of the *Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF)*, the world's 2022 landmark agreement for halting and reversing biodiversity loss which includes four goals for 2050 and 23 targets for 2030.

SBSTTA-27 will strengthen the scientific and technical backbone of GBF implementation, including:

- Review progress towards achievement of the Framework.
- Biodiversity–climate interlinkages in support of Targets [8](#) and [11](#), and a broad range of other targets (with recommendations to the 2025 UN Climate Change Conference, COP30, to be held in Brazil, 10-21 Nov).
- Biodiversity and health ([Section C](#)), invasive alien species ([Target 6](#)), agriculture, forests (Targets [1](#) to [12](#)).
- Contributions from the IPBES global science-policy platform, and their implications for the work under the Convention, including the Framework.



SB8J-1 will focus on the vital role of indigenous peoples and local communities in the implementation of the Convention and its Protocols, and the Framework, by addressing:

- The modus operandi of the Subsidiary Body on Article 8(j)
- Implementation of the programme of work of Article 8(j), including development of draft guidelines on indigenous and traditional territories to support the protection and restoration practices led by indigenous peoples and local communities in line with Targets [2](#) and [3](#), as well as guidelines on inclusion of traditional lands in spatial planning and impact assessments
- Recommendations from the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
- In depth- dialogue on resource mobilization and access to funding for indigenous peoples and local communities

Venue:

Atlapa Convention Center / Centro de Convenciones de Atlapa

XFQX+VX8, Av. 5B Sur

Panamá City, Panamá

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Web site: <https://www.atlapa.gob.pa/en>

Official information and documents:

[Main Conference Page](#)

[SBSTTA-27 Info](#)

[SB8J-1 Info](#)

Who's participating

- Delegates from 196 Parties to the Convention.
- Observers from UN agencies, scientific organizations, civil society.
- Indigenous peoples and local communities, women, and youth representatives.
- CBD Executive Secretary and senior UN officials.

Apply for media accreditation

To apply, please sign in or create a CBD account here: [Media Accreditation Portal](#)

Journalist credentials are required; samples of recent, relevant work may be requested.

Freelancers must include an assignment letter. See portal for detailed requirements by media type (print, broadcast, online, photography).

Media badges will be issued on-site on presentation of two pieces of photo ID.

Please note: Double accreditation (e.g., as both press and delegate/NGO) is not permitted.

Live streaming: Key sessions and briefings will be streamed at [UN Web TV](#).

Travel / logistics: Media are responsible for their own travel and accommodation.

Visa and hotel info is in the [Information Note for Participants](#).

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